

The ancient Art of Bonsai originated in China around 900 years ago when ornamental dwarf trees and landscape scenes arranged in ornate containers were used by the nobility as courtyard decorations. Later, transplanted to Japan, it was perfected to its present form. Literally translated, Bonsai means tray or dish-planting and is pronounced "bone-sigh". Some Bonsai have been passed down from generation to generation for several hundred years.

Bonsai can be ancient trees or can be newly created from propagated, purchased or collected plant material. Bonsai are not a special species of tree. They can be the outdoor species seen in our yards or exotic trees not hardy to our climate. A bonsai grower must mimic the correct pattern of seasons to which a particular species is indigenous. Potential bonsai material should have small leaves, be well branched, well rooted, and have a tapering trunk with the appearance of strength and character. Pine, juniper, maple, azalea and fig are among species commonly used for bonsai.

The bonsai artist develops a tree into an aesthetically pleasing image by creating the illusion of an old and venerable tree in nature regardless of the material's actual age. A living tree has unique patterns of seasonal growth that must be understood and utilized to develop a tree to its full potential. In turn, the tree responds to the bonsai artist. The relationship that one builds with the living tree becomes an important factor in the development of a dynamic art form.

The Springfield Bonsai Society (SBS) is a non-profit organization founded in the 1970's. SBS is dedicated to helping individuals in improving their bonsai skills and promoting this ancient art throughout the Greater Springfield area.

SBS invites you to learn and observe a horticultural art form that is constantly changing and growing.



SPRINGFIELD BONSAI SOCIETY

2010 Calendar of Events



Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the second Monday of the month, February through November, at the Washington Park Botanical Garden, 1740 W. Fayette, Springfield, IL 62704 [located near the corner of Fayette and Chatham Rd., next to the Carillon], unless otherwise noted.

Annual membership is \$20 (\$30 family) and includes a monthly newsletter, access to club supplies, access to workshops with Bonsai Masters from around the world and a treasure trove of bonsai knowledge!

Visitors are welcome at any SBS event.

For more information, call:
Gary Trammell at 741-4849
Or visit
www.bonsaisbs.com

Springfield Bonsai Society 2010 Calendar

Meetings are generally held the 2nd Monday of the month at 7 PM at the Washington Botanical Garden (WPBG) 1740 W. Fayette, Springfield, IL 62704 [located near the corner of Fayette and Chatham Rd., next to the Carillon].

Dates	Topic/Activity	Presenters	Tree of the month	Other Events/Notes
Monday February 8	Dessert social Bonsai slide show	John Mori Gary Trammell		Feb. 6,13,20,27 Open House, Cass Bonsai
Monday March 8	Grafting Repotting	Milt Ciskowski Roland Folse	Juniper	March 13 & 20 Beginner Workshops at Cass Bonsai
Monday April 12	Styling Repotting		Maples	
Saturday April 17	Guest artist workshop at WPBG	Michael Persiano	Bring your own tree	
Mondays, May 3 and 17	Bonsai Basics Workshop	Gary Trammell and volunteers		Register through LLCC Community Learning
Saturday May 8	Guest artist workshop at Cass	Erik Wigert	Bougainvillea Nia Buxifolia	May 15 - 16 - Spring Show Chicago Botanic Garden.
Monday May 10	De-budding Pines Insects in Bonsai	Roland Folse Phil Nixon	Pines	May 29-31 Brussel's Bonsai Rendezvous
Monday June 14	Forest/Raft style Bonsai	Manish Sumant	Elm/Hornbeam	June 12-13 - 2nd National Exhibition International Bonsai Arboretum in Rochester, NY.
Monday July 12	Regular meeting cancelled	Meeting moved to July 19th	Azaleas	June 25-27 MABA Convention Amway Grand Hotel in Grand Rapids, Michigan.
Monday July 19	Guest Artist Workshop	Craig Coussins	Details TBA	Craig has authored many bonsai books and is a skilled instructor
Monday August 9	Tropicals	Milt Ciskowski	Ficus, Bougainvillea	Aug. 20-22 - Fall Show Chicago Botanic Garden
Monday September 13	Bunjin			Sept. 4, 5 & 6 Japanese Festival Missouri Botanical Garden STL
Monday October 11	Black Pine or Trident Maples			
Monday November 8	Dessert Social 2011 Planning Meeting	Election of Officers		

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Try to bring at least one bonsai related item to each meeting. This is a great opportunity to promote discussions as well as to seek advice regarding plant care, shaping, or any problems you might encounter. Don't worry if your tree is not anything special; that's why we get together! Visitors are welcome to attend all meetings. Annual membership is \$20 (\$30 family) and includes a monthly newsletter, access to club supplies and discounted workshop rates.

SBS Membership Form

To become an SBS Member please bring in the completed form to one of the listed meetings.
Name:
Phone:
Email:
Address:
City, State Zip:
Membership type: Regular (\$20) - Family (\$30)

Bonsai Interests:

S.B.S. 2010 Officers

President – Gary Trammell 217-741-4849
Vice-President – David Kerwin
Treasurer – Tom Applebee
Secretary – Manish Sumant 217-652-9619

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Can't wait for a meeting to get started? Go see Milt at Cass Bonsai in Edwardsville for a full selection of bonsai material. Their phone is 618-656-9087 or visit their web site at www.cassbonsaigardens.com